YEMEN: Al Hudaydah Update

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I. HIGHLIGHTS/KEY PRIORITIES

- Fighting and airstrikes are continuing in Al Hudaydah City and in southern districts. Casualties are reported.
- More people are fleeing areas of conflict and seeking shelter in safer locations, including in the capital, Sana'a
- IDPs from Al Hudaydah City have arrived in the capital, Sana'a. Total figures on displacement are not available yet as humanitarian organisations are verifying the IDPS.
- Humanitarian partners have ramped up rapid response activities amid security and access constraints.

II. General Overview

Fighting continues in Al Hudaydah City, albeit at a less severe scale, as a general decrease in clashes, bombardments and airstrikes has been reported. Casualties are reported but actual numbers are unknown. During the last two days, large scale displacement from Al Hudaydah City has been observed, civilians are using their own vehicles or renting public transportation to move out of the city towards neighboring districts east and northwards. Humanitarian partners report that some IDPs from Al Hudaydah City have arrived in the capital, Sana'a. Total figures on displacement are not available yet as humanitarian organisations are working on verifying the IDPs.



IDPs return home after receiving rapid response transit kits in Al Hudaydah. Credit: UNFPA

Multiple displacement has also been witnessed within Al Hudaydah Governorate as clashes continue in the southern districts of Ad Durayhimi, At Tuhayat and Jabal Ras and Bayt Al Faqiah. Local authorities have reported the arrival of an estimated 800 households to Al Marawi'ah, Bajil, Qanawis and Al Mansuriyah districts, a number which is yet to be verified by humanitarian partners. Other IDPs have moved further to Hajjah Governorate, and some others are expected to reach Ibb Governorate.

Despite on-going hostilities, humanitarian partners continue to respond to the needs of the displaced population through the provision of life-saving assistance, comprising food, water and health services, in Al Hudaydah City as well as across the Governorate.

However, in Al Hudaydah City, access to warehouses has become difficult due to ongoing fighting and blockage of some roads. The repair of the water and sewage system in the city is a critical priority since the pipes were damaged when trenches were being dug up by warring factions.

The WASH Cluster reports that water trucking needs to be scaled up across the Al Hudaydah Governorate to cover additional IDP caseload. Access to IDPs in At Tuhayat, Ad Durayhimi and Al Garrahi districts is a challenge due to ongoing hostilities in those areas.

The Al Hudaydah and Saleef ports remain operational. As of 21 June, one commercial vessel was at berth and six in the anchorage area in Al Hudaydah port while two UNVIM-cleared vessels were en route. A WFP-chartered vessel finished offloading 50,000 MT at Al Hudaydah port.

Rapid Response Mechanism

To facilitate timely provision of humanitarian assistance to people in need, a Rapid Response Mechanism (RRM) has been established. Humanitarian service points have been set up across Al Hudaydah Governorate, as well as in neighboring governorates, along with transit sites in Al Hudaydah City. At least 858 RRM kits containing food, hygiene kits and other essential items, have been distributed from these service points since 13 June.

The capacity of the health system to conduct mass casualty management and health response continues to be strengthened through the prepositioning of trauma kits in hospitals and health facilities; mobile teams are also being supported to ensure that health assistance is provided to people who cannot travel to medical facilities. The continued functioning of the Local Water and Sanitation Corporation (LWSC) is being ensured through the provision of fuel to various facilities.

As part of cluster-led coordinated responses, agencies have activated plans and pre-positioned stocks; some to cover governorate-wide responses and other stocks specifically for responses in Hudaydah City and southern districts.

Governorate-wide RRM response

Pre-positioned stocks for governorate-wide responses by various humanitarian agencies range from health supplies, to fuel and transit kits. These include:

- 25 trauma kits, sufficient to treat 2,500 injuries, prepositioned by WHO in hospitals and health facilities in six governorates. Additionally, 20 emergency health kits, sufficient to assist 200,000 people for three months, have been prepositioned along with the deployment of five surgical teams to five hospitals.
- Fuel provided by UNICEF to LWSC branches in Zabid, Bayt Al Faqiah, Al Mansuriyah and Al Marawi'ah, benefiting 26,801 households, including 81,550 children, for two months. UNICEF also has nine mobile teams in the governorate and has pre-positioned 148,000 transit kits to benefit 148,000 families, including 450,335 children.
- UNFPA GBV services are being expanded in the districts Ad Durayhimi, Hays, Bayt Al Faqiah, As Sukhnah and At Tuhayat).

RRM Response in Al Hudaydah City

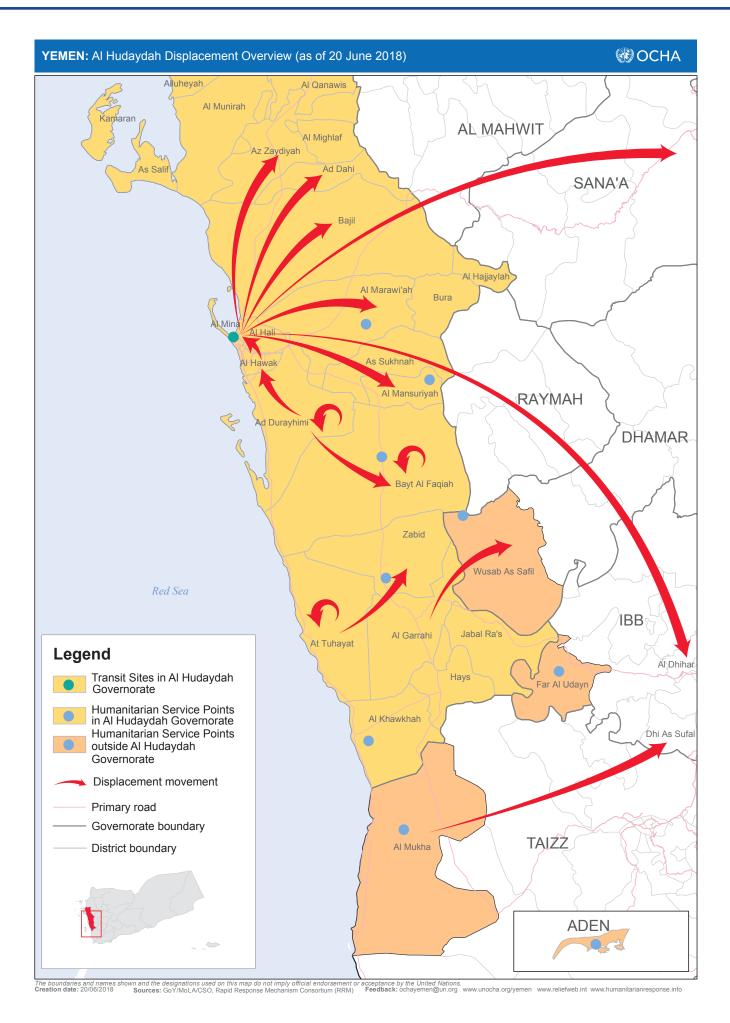
Despite access and security challenges in Al Hudaydah City, the partners have scaled up their support to humanitarian response activities. Key among these activities is providing assistance to newly displaced families. As of 20 June, partners had provided 405 displaced families from Al Mandhar with NFIs/Shelter assistance. Other responses include:

- Provision to health facilities by WHO of 576,800 litres of fuel, 10,542,500 litres of water, five emergency mobile teams, incentives for 64 health workers in Al Thawrah hospital in Al Hudaydah City.
- Provision by UNICEF of 860,000 litres of contingency fuel to the Local Water and Sanitation Cooperation (LWSC) in Al Hudaydah City benefiting 65,000 households, including 197,782 children. UNICEF has standby teams for cholera response and is working with the local water authority to repair damage to sewage and water systems that occurred when trenches were dug.
- Pre-positioning by UNFPA of 5,000 transit kits and distribution of 249 in Transit Sites. Another 10,000 kits will be dispatched next week to various service points.
- 2,236 NFI kits and 4,084 emergency shelter kits from UNHCR available in Al Hudaydah. A further 8,000 kits are being transferred from Sana'a to Al Hudaydah.

RRM Response in Districts South of Al Hudaydah City

Access to affected people and security concerns are major challenges to humanitarian response in districts of active conflict south of Al Hudaydah City. Despite this, partners have been able to pre-position stocks in these areas and are delivering assistance where access is possible. The assistance includes:

- 32,000 liters/day of water provided by the WASH Cluster in Hays, Zabid, Bait Al Faqiah, Al Garrahi and At Tuhayat districts through supporting rural water supply and private wells. Another 49,000 litres/day of safe drinking water being trucked for IDPs households in Bayt Al Faqiah, Al Garrahi and Zabid districts.
- NFIs and shelter assistance provided in At Tuhayat District by a UNHCR partner to 183 out of 298 families displaced from the western coast. In Ad Durayhimi, assessment and verification of 818 displaced families. Arrangements for distribution of NFIs and RRM is underway.
- Mine risk awareness for 1,489 displaced men, women and children in Hays, Al Garrahi, Zabid, Bayt Al Faqiah, Ad Durayhimi, Al Mansuriyah districts, and Al Hudaydah City
- Assistance being distributed by the Danish Refugee Council at Bait al Faqiah District humanitarian service point; 64 households received RRM packages on 20 June.



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